5.12.2022 Veterans Home Family Updates

Dear Family & Friends -

Unfortunately, we have 2 new COVID-19 cases since our last update 1 member and 1 employee. Accounting for all recent recoveries, currently we have 2 cases of COVID-19 on campus (1 member, 1 employee). PCR confirmatory test results are pending.

Visitors are still being welcomed to all households. If you are visiting Household A, you may consider wearing a KN95 and eye protection, which are available at the front desk and at the entrance to the households. Please understand the risks associated with visiting during a COVID-19 outbreak if you do choose to visit.

Please consider visiting outside with your loved one if the weather is nice, or consider telephone or virtual visits if you are more comfortable with connecting from afar.

COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Action Plan is in place to ensure our members, team members, and families stay safe. This plan includes:

- Requiring team members and encouraging members and family members to remain up-to-date with their COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Assigning one leader to oversee all Training in Infection Prevention and Control and to implement our COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Response Action Plan.
- Utilizing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), per CMS guidelines, including a well-fitting face covering or mask that covers the mouth and nose.
- Screening and monitoring members and team members for symptoms of COVID-19.
- Using alcohol-based hand rub regularly.
- Tracing individuals who come in contact with anyone affected.
- Testing members and team members for COVID-19 based-on federal and state guidance.
- Quarantining COVID-19 positive members and implementing enhanced infection control
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- Advising COVID-19 positive team members to take all appropriate measures.
- Taking environmental safety precautions.
- Assuring safe congregate dining and group activities.
- Adhering to safe visitation procedures, including maintaining six feet of distance between persons as appropriate.

It is reported that COVID-19 cases are on the rise at this time throughout the nation. Staying up-to-date with your COVID-19 vaccination will help you and your loved ones stay healthy and safe throughout the spring season. To do so, be sure to receive any boosters you're eligible to receive. If you need help finding a vaccine or have questions about available COVID-19 boosters, please contact us.

During National Skilled Nursing Care Week, we're proud to celebrate our members and employees. Senior living and care communities' team members contribute to improving the quality of life of all members by providing a home away from home that supports them in having have meaningful relationships with their caregivers, friends, and neighbors. We are thankful for your support!

Best.

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